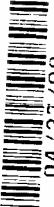


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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-17592, published January 20, 1995 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 62-125778, published August 10, 1987 with English Abstract.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,400,904 issued March 28, 1995 to Maston, III et al.
4. United Kingdom Patent Application No. 2 282 798, published April 19, 1995.
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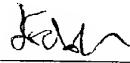
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